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SUMMARY: IN PERMREPS LUNCH AND POLADS DISCUSSIONS, MOST ALLIED REPS HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN POLADS CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS ON UNGA. FRENCH HAVE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT NAC CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT -- EVEN ON AN INSTRUCTED BASIS. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 5. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS RAISED PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS AT NATO ON UN MATTERS AT JULY 20 PERMREPS LUNCH, NOTED THAT POLADS HAVE A FULL SCHEDULE FOR CSCE PREPARATIONS, AND PROPOSED THAT THE NAC HOLD AN INSTRUCTED DISCUSSION EARLY THIS FALL OF UNGA ISSUES. TINE (FRANCE) OBJECTED TO COUNCIL-LEVEL DISCUSSION AND URGED THAT UN CONSULTATIONS BE HELD AT POLADS LEVEL. KIRCA (TURKEY), SUPPORTED BY SOME OTHERS, SUGGESTED
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THAT, RATHER THAN NAC CONSULTATIONS, POLADS HOLD UN CONSULTATION WITH EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS AS IN PAST YEARS. THE AMBASSADOR AND HARDY (CANADA) SUPPORTED CONSULTATIONS AT COUNCIL LEVEL. DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

2. AT JULY 26 POLADS MEETING, CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED A DRAFT AGENDA (TRANSMITTED BELOW) FOR POSSIBLE POLADS CONSULTA-

TIONS ON UNGA. MOST REPS FAVORED HOLDING POLADS CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS ON UN ISSUES AS IN PAST YEARS. FRENCH REP RECALLED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FAVORED POLADS CONSULTATIONS AND OPPOSED CONSULTATIONS AT COUNCIL LEVEL. CANADIAN AND US REPS STRESSED INTEREST OF THEIR AUTHORITIES IN COUNCIL-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT POLADS CONSULTATIONS, IF HELD, NEED NOT EXCLUDE DISCUSSION AT COUNCIL LEVEL AS WELL. BELGIAN REP NOTED THAT UN EXPERTS OF THE NINE WOULD MEET SEPTEMBER 2, AND SEVERAL REPS SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER 9 AS POSSIBLE DATE FOR POLADS MEETING WITH EXPERTS.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT PRE-UNGA POLADS CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS, IN VIEW OF BROAD INTEREST IN CONTINUING THIS PRACTICE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, AND THAT WE SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON UN MATTERS. WE WOULD LIKELY GAIN BROADEST SUPPORT FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS IF THEY HAVE AS THEIR MAIN FOCUS SECURITY-RELATED ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN FIRST COMMITTEE DISARMAMENT DEBATE. LAST YEAR, WE RECALL, FRENCH DELEGATION TOOK THE LEAD IN PROPOSING CONSULTATIONS ON SOVIET NON-USE OF FORCE PROPOSAL. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST RETURNING TO POSSIBILITY OF COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AT A LATER STAGE WHEN WE HAVE A CLEARER VIEW OF SECURITY ISSUES AT UNGA AND POSSIBLE SOVIET INITIATIVES.

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4. WE NOTE IN THIS REGARD THAT, WHILE FRENCH COULD OBJECT TO INSCRIPTION OF A UN CONSULTATION ON NAC AGENDA, WE COULD RAISE UN TOPIC UNDER STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WISH TO COORDINATE SUCH A MOVE WITH OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS IN ADVANCE IN ABSENCE OF A CONSENSUS FAVORING A NAC CONSULTATION ON UN ISSUES. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF POSSIBLE BY AUGUST 2, (A) GUIDANCE ON PROPOSAL AND SEPTEMBER 9 DATE, FOR PRE-UNGA POLADS CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS; AND (B) FURTHER GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE NAC CONSULTATIONS ON UN MATTERS. END ACTION REQUEST.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF AGENDA SUGGESTED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR POLADS CONSULTATIONS ON UNGA:

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SUGGESTED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE 32ND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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